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Selection of new student lobbyist questioned

By DAVE CATES
Montana Kaimin Reporter

A University of Montana representative on the Montana Student Lobby Steering Committee and a former student lobbyist have questioned the selection of the new Montana student lobbyist.

"Despite his abilities," said Patrick Duffy, chairman of the ASUM Legislative Committee and a member of the steering committee, "the fact that he is from Oregon may be an insurmountable problem."

The new student lobbyist is Curtis Johnson, Montana State University graduate student in public administration who moved to Montana this fall.

"I hope he is successful for the lobby's sake and the students' sake," Bruce Nelson, the 1975 student lobbyist, said yesterday.

"But I would hate to be in his position of walking into the Legislature without experience in Montana politics."

Johnson was a lobbyist for Oregon State University at the Oregon Legislature last year.

"I hope that the effect (of having an out-of-state lobbyist) if negative, is minimal," Duffy said.

The steering committee, Duffy said, will have to spend a lot of time making sure Johnson meets the legislators he needs to know and getting Johnson "acclimated to Montana politics."

The steering committee is made up of three student representatives each from UM and MSU, and two representatives from each of the state colleges.

Duffy, ASUM President Garth Jacobson and ASUM Vice President Jeff Gray are the UM representatives on the committee.

Duffy said the committee picked

Johnson two weeks ago from five final applicants. Johnson was approved by a vote of 10-4. Duffy, Gray and representatives from both Northern Montana and Montana Tech voted against him.

Duffy said of Johnson, "He is an effective man. He is a persuasive man. But it's just that he is not from Montana."

Nelson said he has never met Johnson, but has reviewed all the applicants' resumes and Johnson was not the only one with legislative experience.

"There were some very well qualified people from inside Montana," he said.

Nelson said he is concerned that Johnson will not be able to learn enough about the Legislature here to be effective. Nelson said he is sure the Oregon Legislature is not much different from Montana's in its structure and workings, but, he pointed out, the personalities will be different.

"There is no time in a 90-day session to learn the personalities of the Legislature," Nelson contended.

This weekend the steering committee will meet in Boulder to establish lobbying priorities for the coming legislative session.

The committee's directives will form basic policy for Johnson to follow while lobbying. Each committee directive must be passed by a two-thirds vote.

Duffy said adequate funding for the state university system should be a top priority. In addition, he mentioned legislation to protect the "unique and relatively clean" environment in Montana.

Duffy also said he would like to see a bill making the employer and salary of every lobbyist in Helena part of the public record.

In addition to Johnson, who will represent all university units in his lobbying efforts, UM will send its own lobbyist to Helena. Jacob-

son, a member of the ASUM Legislative Committee which will select and pay the UM lobbyist, said the UM representative will be working with Johnson much of the time, but will not be confined to advocating only priorities agreed upon by the steering committee.

Duffy, who will also be involved in choosing UM's lobbyist, said, "We don't want that person to be under the umbrella" of the steering committee and the Montana Student Lobby.

Duffy said the choice of Johnson as the Montana student lobbyist has not changed the strategy the UM lobbyist will follow.

The deadline for applying for the UM lobbyist job is Nov. 28. Any UM student may apply for the position which pays \$1,000 for the session.

Jacobson said the ASUM Legislative Committee will screen applicants and that he, Duffy and Gray will probably make the final selection.

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Power line sliced; blackout follows

By VICTOR RODRIGUEZ
Montana Kaimin Reporter

A small explosion followed by a power outage struck the southeastern corner of campus yesterday afternoon when a backhoe shovel severed a main power line near the Science Complex.

A backhoe operated by an employee of 4-G Plumbing and Heating, Inc., 1515 Wyoming St.,

was digging a new sewer line when the shovel blade struck a 3,300-volt power line and caused the explosion, Floyd Castinguay, electrical foreman at the University of Montana Physical Plant, said.

The electrical blast, which triggered the blackout on the south end of campus that lasted about 20 minutes, sent construction workers and students running for cover.

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FRED REED, UM assistant professor of sociology, speaks at yesterday's noon forum presented by local coordinators of the national Fast for a World Harvest. (Staff photo by William Cook.)

Hunger attributed to 'insulation' from facts about world starvation

By LAUREL STEWART
Montana Kaimin Reporter

World hunger can be attributed to reasons of political and economic expediency, an inappropriate structure underlying food production and markets, and the "insulation" of those in affluent countries from the facts of world starvation, panelists said in a noon forum at the University of Montana yesterday.

The forum, attended by about 60 people in the University Center Mall, was presented by local coordinators of the national Fast for a World Harvest. Participants in the forum were: Dan Newman, managing director of the Institute of Appropriate Technology in Helmsville; Fred Reed, UM assistant professor of sociology; and Albert

Borgmann, UM professor of philosophy.

World hunger is unavoidably a political issue, Reed said, and added it is perpetuated by the possibilities for profit presented by extreme disparities in wealth among different countries.

"There's a lot of profit to be made in starvation," he said.

Using copper mining as an example, Reed explained that copper could be mined in a number of different places in the United States and Africa. He said mining companies, in search of the cheapest possible labor, pay low wages in undeveloped countries and curb any pressure for higher wages by threatening to move mining operations out of the country. He added that similar threats are used against striking miners in the United States.

Reed also said there are often economic motives behind U.S. shipments of food to undeveloped countries. He explained that if it appears the price of an agricultural product, such as soybeans or wheat, is about to drop, the government often gives large quantities of the product to needy countries in order to reduce supplies on the U.S. market and drive local prices up.

"The farmer in Montana benefits from starvation in the Upper Volta," he said.

"Tobacco products," he added, "are the major components of the U.S. Food for Peace program."

In a later phone interview, Reed said the Food for Peace program is one of about 20 government organizations established "in the name of emergency relief" for countries that cannot afford to buy commodities in regular world markets. He said food is often sold under these programs, adding "it is only given away when it's profitable" in terms of increasing market prices for certain goods.

Reed criticized the government for engaging in economic manipulation under the guise of philanthropy.

"We have been led to believe a variety of myths," he explained. "That the United States is good, that it is kind, that it is generous, that it is the center of the universe and that we and our friends are really the only world there is."

Borgmann also criticized the lack of understanding in the United States of the problems of

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Rape forum

The university community is invited to speak out about rape at a forum in the University Center Mall at noon Monday. The forum is sponsored by Women's Place and the Women's Resource Center. There will also be a demonstration on self-defense.

What is it like to be caught on a drug charge and spend two months at Warm Springs? Read the Montana Review, beginning on p. 7.

Mime troupe to give free shows

By DIANE HADELLA
Montana Kaimin Reporter

The Great Salt Lake Mime Troupe will give free performances for University of Montana students at noon today in the University Center mall and at 8 p.m. tonight in the UC Ballroom.

Admission tonight for the general public is \$3.00.

The troupe includes four performers and four band members. The band, Available Jelly, accompanies the performers with folk music, jazz and improvisations.

The troupe employs music, words, singing, sound effects, clowning, pantomime and dance in its routines, which are improvised with very little choreography.

"The audience doesn't know what we're going to do and we

don't even know what we'll do next," band member Gregg Moore said.

The performance, Moore said, is one continuous routine with no set structure, but spontaneous routines one after the other.

He explained that the troupe has developed a style all its own by breaking rules of mime and dance set up by other people.

For example, he said, while traditional mimes are not allowed to speak, the performers in this troupe occasionally do.

The performers never know what music the band will play because of the improvised format, he said.

The show also involves the audience. At times members of the audience actually find themselves participating in the performance.

The troupe originated five and a half years ago in Salt Lake City when 16 modern dance majors at the University of Utah decided to form a troupe.

The number of members changes every year, and while the troupe currently has four members, it has had as few as three.

During the past three years touring has become a way of life for the troupe which has completed three U.S. and European tours and one in Australia.

In addition to annual appearances at the Festival of Fools in Amsterdam, the troupe has performed in England, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden and Yugoslavia. American tours have included New England, the South, the Midwest and the West Coast.

No more lights

Editor: The University of Montana has finally discovered rape. It's been occurring in the city, in the county and on campus for years without being discussed. According to Women's Place, 19 rapes or attempted rapes were reported to police in Missoula County in 1977. The rape crisis line, operated by Women's Place, received 35 calls from rape victims last year. And if you consider the conservative estimate by the FBI that only one of every ten rapes are ever reported, that's a hell of a lot of rapes in Missoula County.

Being aware of the possibility of rape on campus is a step toward confronting the problem. But, as was exhibited by the front page article Wednesday on the "Rape Speak Out" forum, some women have failed to grasp the immediate problem on campus. Janice Belhumeur stated that this campus needed an escort service and better outdoor lighting. An escort service is an excellent idea, but why the extra lighting? Couldn't the money that would be spent on lamp posts be better spent by hiring more security personnel?

letters

In that same article, Judy Smith expressed her concern that the security guard did not provide enough attention to the UM student who was allegedly raped. Hell, he didn't stay very long because he was probably the only man on duty for that shift!

UM President Richard Bowers must be informed that security is inadequate. No extra money was allocated to the security department during budgeting. If you feel unsafe on this campus, tell Bowers that one officer driving a patrol car and checking locked buildings is not an adequate security force. But please, please, don't suggest that we spend money to impart a neon glow to the already Dutch-elm diseased oval.

Steve Grayson
junior, journalism/biology

Learn about rape

Editor: I applaud the Montana Kaimin's Bradley/Rodriguez investigative team's seemingly impressive job on the current rape controversy. Bradley and Rodriguez

have helped make the community aware that rape really can happen. I hope that brutal fact will encourage more people to become informed about rape and the efforts being made to discourage rape.

Safer neighborhoods can be created by installing street lights and by organizing and participating in safety-oriented neighborhood groups. One such group is now operating. Little things such as carrying a whistle, or mace (and knowing how to use it,) might help deter rape. Other things, ranging from self-defense to common sense, can also be useful.

Rape prevention is important, but so is knowing what to do in the event of rape. Males as well as females should know the options and services available for rape care. Even if you may not be the victim, your friend may be.

Contact the Women's Resource Center in the University Center and the Woman's Place in the First Federal Building on Higgins Avenue for information. Among other things, the Woman's Place has counseling services and a 24-hour number, 543-7606. Mary Anne Donovan, 243-5682 or 728-5340, can help with neighborhood organization.

I urge all to exchange ignorance for understanding of rape and its degradation. I urge all who can attend the Rape Speak Out forum Monday at noon in the UC Mall. I also urge the Kaimin not to forget rape once the dirt has settled.

J. R. Baker
sophomore, history

Floor too good

Editor: Progress strikes again!

Our field house which did contain a nice, flat, consistent surface to run and play on was obviously working too well. So the athletic department looked around, scratched its collective head and decided that this was too much—something had to be done. The obvious solution—spend \$40,000 and put down a wooden floor riddled with hollow spots and decorated with some fancy designs!!! Ahh, much better. Not only does it not work as well as the old floor, they managed to cut the effective playing area, which was small to begin with, cut off part of the track and create a hazard all at the same time!!! Someone must be decorated for this stroke of genius. Of course Murphy's Law will soon take effect as I'm sure someone in the

heat of a pickup game will go off the "edge" of our new floor, break an ankle and, of course, sue. That is if they'll let us common folk play on it. But then who is the university for anyway?

But, lest we forget the cuts in staff, work study, club sports and innumerable other setbacks, something had to be done about that "old" floor. It was working far too well.

Jim Traub
junior, geology

Wondering

Editor: I wonder if the alleged rapists of the University of Montana student had been Native American whether they would be walking outside jail today!

Josef Lemire
graduate, 1972

Public trial

Editor: The men who raped, beat and abandoned a young woman here recently should be brought to court and put on trial for what they did. The Missoula public deserves better than to live in a society threatened by the terror of violence. I'm sure all real men around here agree.

The problem is, it would do them no good to go to jail, which only hardens overly-aggressive men into criminals permanently.

Perhaps the university should try them publicly to decide whether they should be allowed to stay here.

Dexter M. Roberts
associate professor, English

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We're very sorry

The 10-year university six-mill levy passed overwhelmingly in last week's election. The county-by-county breakdowns of the results have yet to become available to the Kaimin—to be sure, they lie idle at this moment in the Associated Press offices in Helena—but it seems fairly certain that every county in the state carried the issue.

Thirty years ago the six-mill levy also passed overwhelmingly. But the support for the issue in that election was much more parochial; eight counties failed to support the tax and many others turned out only marginal support. This had its consequences. In 1949, \$5 million generated from the levy was allocated to the various units by the old State Board of Education. But the State Board of Examiners differed with the Board of Education over the dispersal of funds: allocation of revenue should more closely reflect voter patterns, that is, areas of the state that heavily supported the levy should receive a proportionate share of the money.

Now, in that election the eastern counties, particularly those along the Hi Line, gave the levy landslide approval. The Board of Examiners reallocated the revenue heavily favoring the Billings and Havre

colleges at the expense of Missoula's and Bozeman's share of the cheese. A nasty political battle ensued involving the governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, the college presidents and even percolated so far down the bureaucracy as to affect the Montana Kaimin.

It's water under the bridge now, but it is as turbid today as it was then. Should the allocation of funds for higher education be subject to political whims? The struggle of today's Board of Regents against the grand body politik suggests not—but only halfheartedly.

Last Tuesday's vote is indicative of many things. Improved communications and means of travel make the University of Montana much more accessible today to the high school senior in Fallon County than was the case in 1948. By the same token, a resident of Stevensville can take advantage of the political and social shelter that Eastern Montana College affords much easier than in the post-World War II era. This is not to say parochialism is dead and the state has attained the Utopia of the Big Sky Community. It isn't and hasn't; the six-unit university system is cannibalistic as hell, as one legislator put it, and will

likely remain so. Witness the proposed name change to the University of Montana at Billings.

But this is all yet to be seen. The end of the tale of 1948? Then-attorney general and member of the Board of Examiners Arnold Olsen (later Western District Congressman and now a Butte District Court judge) successfully overrode the Board of Education's decision. Olsen reportedly said at the time that he "felt sorry for that little school up in Havre."

An interesting new academic concept is taking hold at UM: the Credit Option Program Experiment. Conceived last year by sociology department faculty affiliate Larry Dodge, the program offers alternative curriculum financed directly by participating students. The cost of each class offered is absorbed directly by the students. Should a student wish to get credit for the course, an additional fee is added to handle the bookwork. The system is clean, simple and academically pure—the cost of each class is negotiated directly between the students and the professor teaching it, not the bureaucracy.

The plan originally was a response to

last year's faculty cutbacks and was designed to skirt any part of the Legislature's notorious student-faculty ratio.

Dig it. Ditch the 18-to-24-year-old age group and get some maturity on this campus, attract the community. A few courses should be available Winter Quarter through the Center for Continuing Education. Join up. You might learn something.

It has been said that good satire isn't good satire unless at least 40 percent of the people don't understand it as satire. Wednesday's editorial, entitled, "Bagels, activism and revelation" was good satire. Contrary to popular belief, author Victor Rodriguez did not boycott Mammyth bagels at Freddy's Feed and Read. Nor did he write letters, initiate petitions or make phone calls demanding audiences with the heads of Mammyth. Rodriguez did not protest in the rain outside the general offices of Mammyth singing Hava Naguila. In fact, it is doubtful he even knows the words to the song.

The Kaimin apologizes to those involved or offended by this not-so-obviously humorous editorial.

Paul Driscoll

Lame-duck member says, 'It's up to students'

Transit board has free bus service proposal

A plan whereby University of Montana students could ride Missoula city buses free of charge, provided that the university contributes to the system's funding, is "very possible," according to Tom McGinley, member of the Missoula Transit Board.

McGinley told a UM journalism class Tuesday that similar plans have been implemented in other cities. If a university contributes a certain amount of student activity money to a bus system, students ride the bus free.

But McGinley said, if UM students are interested in the idea, "it's up to the students to come to us." He suggested that Central Board organize a proposal and present it to the board, because those working at the bus line already have plenty of work to do without taking on more. "It's not the function of the board" to organize the plan, he said.

McGinley, and Richard Vandiver are both lame-duck board members after being defeated by Cynthia White and George Patterson. However, the election was not handled properly, and there is a slim chance that McGinley and Vandiver will retain their seats.

The election controversy centered around the presence of an ineligible candidate's name on

the ballot. The ineligible candidate received 288 votes, which was a greater number than the margin of victory between Patterson and Vandiver. McGinley said that since he lost by more than 1,000 votes, it really didn't affect his circumstances, but if another election is held he could conceivably win.

Election Challenge?

McGinley said any voter can challenge the election, but said the law is unclear as to how to handle another. He said County Attorney Robert Deschamps III will make a ruling on the matter within the next few days, and explained that this ruling will have a great effect on whether the election will stand as is.

"My best guess is that the election will stand," McGinley said.

McGinley indicated that Patterson and White may not work as well together as he and Vandiver have, since he said that Patterson is a "cost-conscious conservative," and White is "quite liberal."

He said one reason he and Vandiver may have been defeated is because Patterson and White made campaign promises that he and Vandiver knew the budget would not allow. As a result, he and Vandiver did not make those

kinds of promises, he said.

His greatest problems on the board, McGinley said, had to do with the organization of the drivers and mechanics by the Teamsters union and what he called "the E and H problem,"—the elderly and handicapped.

Because negotiations with the Teamsters are going on now, he said, he was not at liberty to talk about the problem beyond saying it has been difficult to run bus service to Community Hospital when the drivers will not cross the picket lines of LPNs who have been on strike since May.

'E and H' Problem

As for the elderly and handicapped, McGinley said, "They want things handed to them on a silver platter and we're not in a position to do that."

They want a demand-response system, he said, a system whereby they can call for a ride, be picked up at their doors and dropped off in front of their destinations.

"That's what they need, obviously," he said, "so they can gain mobility." But, he explained, it would be "impossible" to incorporate those needs in the present system. He added that a "militant faction" of the group has just announced it intends to sue the board for not making the bus

system available to the handicapped.

McGinley acknowledged that cities receiving federal grant money for public transportation systems must equip 50 percent of their vehicles with lifts and other devices to enable handicapped persons to get their wheelchairs

on and off. What the militant group does not understand, he said, is that Missoula receives no federal operating funds because it does not meet the federal standards of a metropolitan area, having less than 50,000 persons living within the city limits at the time of the 1970 census.

Anaconda given license to continue air pollution

HELENA (AP) — The State Board of Health and Environmental Sciences has given the Anaconda Co. another one-year license to pollute the air around its smelter in Anaconda, Mont., with poisonous sulfur dioxide.

The board approved yesterday a renewal of a variance from sulfur dioxide standards.

But the board conditioned that renewal on a demonstration by the copper company that it is making progress toward compliance with a new sulfur dioxide control plan which the Board of Health also adopted yesterday.

The new control plan was mandated by the federal government which agreed to back off enforcement of its own plan if the state would adopt one substantially the same. The new plan now becomes part of a revised overall state air quality implementation plan.

Gail Bissell and Natalie Walsh, biology graduate students from the University of Montana who said they conducted studies for the U.S. Forest Service near Anaconda last summer, testified that plant, animal and human life in the vicinity of the smelter is being severely harmed by highly toxic sulfur emissions.

They urged the board not to grant another variance, but to impose fines or other incentives to force the Anaconda Co. to speed up control measures.

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Films on Campus

Saturday: "Deliverance," 7 and 9:30 p.m., Copper Commons, free.
"Judge Roy Bean," 9 p.m.; UC Ballroom, free.

Music

Today: "Great Salt Lake Mime Troupe," jazz and mime, 8 p.m., UC Ballroom, free.

Concert, Jose Feliciano and Nina Kahle, 9 p.m., University Theater.

Saturday: Narnia Coffeehouse, 9 p.m., basement of the Ark, 538 University Ave.



Sunday: Viola Recital, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall; Bernard McWilliams, viola, Constance Speake, piano, William Manning, clarinet.

Workshops and Seminars

Today: Marketing Workshop, 8 a.m., UC Montana Rooms.
SRA Distar Workshop, 9 a.m., UC Montana Rooms.

Mathematics colloquium, "On Using the Analog Computer to Illustrate Mathematics," 3 p.m., Math 109, preceded by coffee in Math 206.

Monday: Model UN Conference, 9 a.m., UC Ballroom and Montana Rooms. Lunch, noon, Gold Oak East; banquet, 6:30 p.m., Gold Oak East.

Meetings

Saturday: Eckankar meeting, 3 p.m., UC Montana Rooms.

Monday: Rape Speakout, noon, UC Mall; Walk Without Fear for UM women, 7 p.m., starting at the Oval. Quilters club for beginners and experts, 7 p.m., Central Christian Church, 345 S. 5th W. Call Debbie at 728-0066 or Cathy at 721-2140 for information.

Conferences

Today: Fleet Management Work Group, 8 a.m., UC Montana Rooms.

Montana Deans and Housing Directors; breakfast, 8 a.m.; conference, 9 a.m.; luncheon, noon, UC Montana Rooms.

Miscellaneous

Saturday: Mr. Big Sky open and Mr. Montana physique contest, with guest poser Pete Gramkowski, 8 p.m., University Theater.

Sunday: Poetry-Fiction series, 8 p.m., UC Lounge.

Dean establishes advising period

The University of Montana College of Arts and Sciences is strongly advising students to consult their faculty advisers between Nov. 15 and Dec. 1 about winter quarter schedules, according to William Feyerharm, associate dean of the college.

Feyerharm said in an interview Thursday that previously there has not been a time "singled out" for advising. In the past, he explained, students tried to meet with their advisers during registration, which did not provide enough time for a "meaningful conversation" between students and advisers.

He said the result was that faculty just "signed cards and I think the students resented that."

"When I came here two years ago," Feyerharm said, "both students and faculty complained about the advising system."

Students were not getting the information needed to fulfill graduation requirements, he said, and faculty complained that they weren't having enough contact with their students.

He said this two-week advising period should prevent students from being "caught-up short" graduation time.

Faculty can help direct students toward career opportunities, write letters of recommendation and assist students in academic problems, he added.

If students are in doubt about who their advisers are, he said, they should see the secretary of the department in which they are enrolled.

He said new course schedules will be out by Nov. 15.

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No injuries were reported.

According to Castinguay, the power line was "supposed to be two or three feet deeper than it was." He added that the company had "checked out" the underground architectural layout at the physical plant before digging the hole.

"They (4G Plumbing and Heating, Inc.) were just doing their job," he said.

"Nobody told us a fucking thing," an angry 4G employee muttered, still shaking from the experience several minutes after the blast.

"We may have hit a gas line . . . I don't know what it is," another worker said.

4G Plumbing employees at the scene hesitated to comment further until a UM Physical Plant electrician could be reached to inspect the damage.

"I went down there with two of my electricians," Castinguay said. "The explosion knocked out the

south loop line, but we switched on the power from the standby north line."

Castinguay said the shovel blade cut into a lead sheath cable and caused three wires to mesh, creating a "hot line" effect — a potentially dangerous heat-up of the power line which was avoided, he said, when a fuse device and aluminum jumper wires on a nearby cable pole burned out.

"You have to have a weak point somewhere along the line to catch the overload," Castinguay said.

"There was no danger to the (backhoe) operator because he was sitting on rubber tires. He was probably the best insulated man in the group."

Castinguay said UM electricians with the assistance of a special crew from Montana Power Co. will repair the power line sometime this morning.

Hunger . . .

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world hunger.

"We are totally insulated from what it means to be hungry," he said.

He said even the negative physical responses to fasting — what he called "small twinges of fear" in the body — could "make us sensible to the feelings of other

people who are starving."

Newman criticized the structure of modern agricultural production and recommended a return to a system that "would allow agricultural production as a part of the family unit."

He criticized what he called the "long loop" currently in favor in food production, a process he said involves the importation of fuels to operate machinery to process food "of dubious nutrients" that will be exported or shipped across the country.

"The short loop is the appropriate one," he said, explaining that this involves "the shortest distance between the hand, the land and the mouth."

Reed later noted the importance of spreading technology for food storage to undeveloped countries, explaining that about 50 percent of all food grown in Africa is destroyed by insects and rodents.

Rev. Gayle Sandholm, a local coordinator of the Fast for a World Harvest observance, said 1,010 UM students had signed up at the Food Service for the fast. The cost of the forfeited meals, along with other donations to the fast, will be divided equally between Oxfam-American, national sponsors of the fast, and Missoula's Poverello Center.

Reporter resumes due at Kaimin

Resumes and applications for two legislative reporter positions are due in the Kaimin offices today at 5 p.m.

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LOST: CRAFTSMEN tool box with tools in parking lot near Miller Hall, 11/9/78. REWARD. Please return. Need badly. Call 243-4605. 29-4

LOST: SPORTSCOAT with Tom Morris Fan Club written on back. REWARD. Call Dean, 549-7545. 29-4

FOUND: GREY and white striped cat in the 10th St. area. 728-5476 after 5. 28-4

LOST: IN either Math bldg., L.A., or possibly Chem-Pharm. Olin ski gloves, white and red. 549-8194 or 728-5899, ask for Nancy. 28-4

LOST: GOLD Lab/Retriever cross, 6 mos. old. White spot on chest, black on tail. Chris Roberts, 721-5294. 27-4

LOST: MALE dog, 6 mos. old, white and black. Answers to Augie. Lost in university area on Monday. Call 721-2778. 27-4

LOST: A SMALL Casino calculator in the Liberal Arts Bldg. If found, call 721-5593. 27-4

FOUND: GREEN down jacket in the parking lot behind Main Hall. Claim at the president's office. 27-4

LOST: HAND crocheted hat, shades of blue and purple. Annie, 721-5443. 27-4

personals

9th FLOOR JESSE '77 party Dec. 1st, Friday. Contact Jon, Mike, Billiam or Obe-Wayne. 30-5

LANCE BOYD and his JAZZ Workshop Band of renown. November 18, UC Ballroom, 8:00, free to students. 30-1

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ATTENTION FRATERNITY, Sorority and Dormitory Social Chairman. Need a band for your function? Call Mike at the Good Music Agency, 728-5520. 28-3

* THE UC FOODSERVICE is in the process of researching vegetarian food items. We would appreciate any input from our clientele. Drop off your suggestions at the UC Foodservice office located directly behind the UC scheduling office, Room 262. 27-4

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Cowbelles announce scholarship

Montana Cowbelles has announced a scholarship award to be given to a sophomore in home economics or a field allied with agriculture.

Candidates for the \$500 scholarship must be from Montana and have a college grade point average of 2.7 or better. The award will be given in three installments during the student's junior year.

Applications may be obtained from Michael LaSorte, financial aid officer. Applications must be sent by Feb. 1, 1979 to the chairman of Montana Cowbelles Scholarship Committee, Mrs. A. C. Grande, Box 236, White Sulphur Springs, Montana, 59645.

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ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL in Missoula seeking teacher for fifteen, 3-6 year olds. Starting Jan. 8, 1979. Please submit resume and pertinent information by Nov. 27 to Ailene R. Grossman, Grant Creek, Missoula, MT 59801. 25-6

services

WOMEN'S PLACE 24-hour emergency rape line. Educ. and counseling for: health, birth control, abortion, childbirth, battered women, and divorce. 210 N. Higgins, 543-7606. 30-11

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transportation

RIDE NEEDED Christmas break to Gettysburg, PA, or within 100 mile radius, returning w/small dog. Will share gas & driving. Call Robin at 243-4354. 30-4

2 PEOPLE need ride to Kalispell, Wed., 22, return the 26th. Call Laurie, 549-5882. Share expenses. 30-4

RIDE NEEDED to Billings on Dec. 15th and one back on Jan. 2nd. Lynda, 243-2385. 30-4

OVER ANY weekend and hopefully Thanksgiving, to Anaconda and back. Leave word for Lee with Jenny at botany. X5222. 30-4

NEED DRIVER to Washington, D.C. or Chicago Christmas break, one way. Preferably female or male w/own insurance. Call Kathy. 721-3930. 29-4

RIDE WANTED to and from Jackson Hole for Thanksgiving. 543-3141. No. 504. 29-4

RIDE NEEDED to Butte on Wed., Nov. 22 & return to Missoula, Sun., Nov. 26. Call Jim, 721-1279. 29-4

WALTER R. AMES SCHOLARSHIP

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RIDE NEEDED to Omaha NE or anywhere in eastern NE OR S-D. Can't leave until Dec. 22 or 23. Call 721-1599, ask for Dave Hazell. Share gas and driving. 27-4

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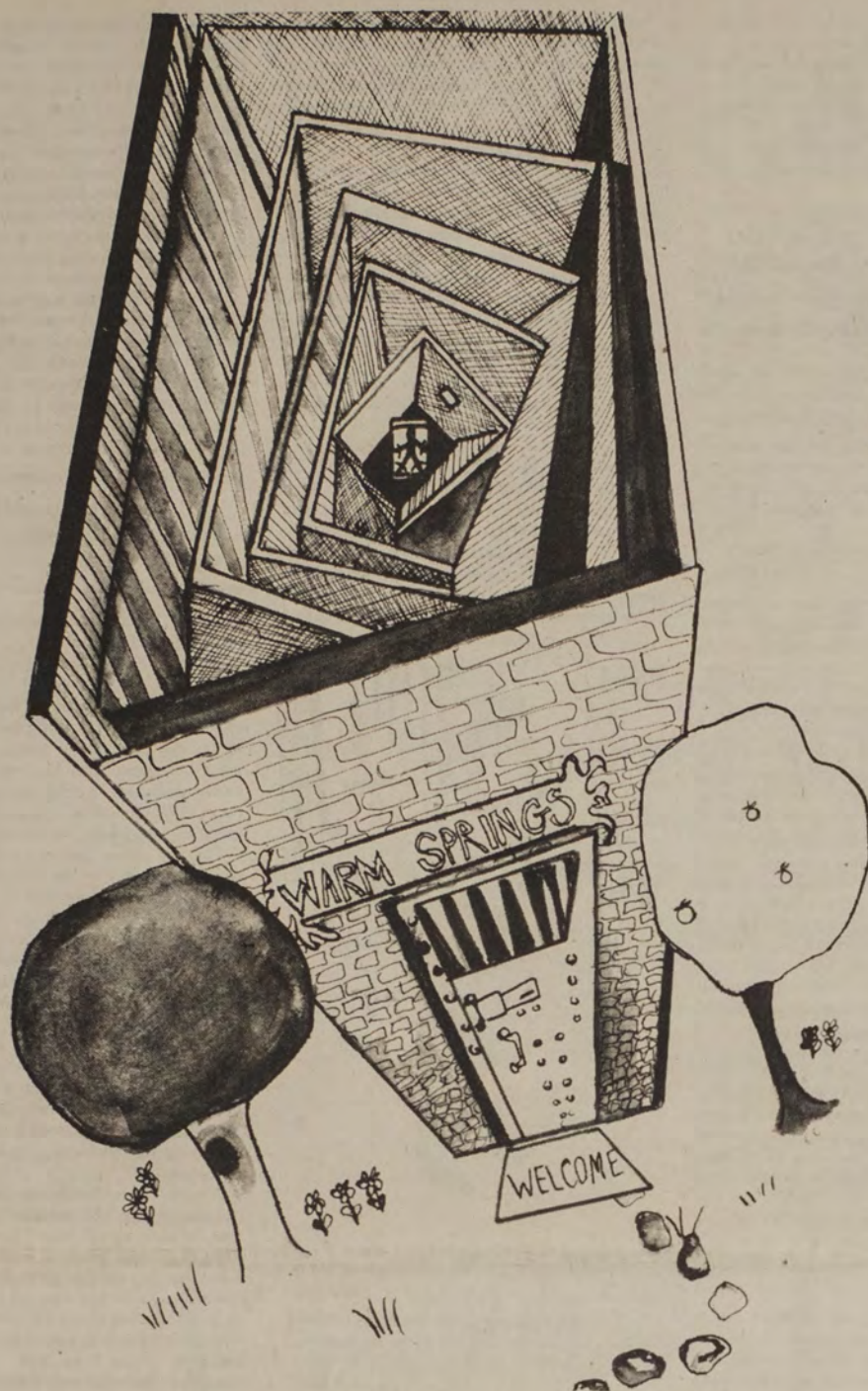


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montana REVIEW

Story by Terry Messman

Graphics by Cathy Cohen

Editor's note—The following account was written by Terry Messman after he spent two months in the Warm Springs State Hospital as part of a drug charge. Messman, 26, pleaded guilty in 1975 to growing 20 marijuana plants—a felony in Montana. A court-ordered psychiatric evaluation sent Messman to Warm Springs in late October, 1975 and left him there until late December.

Because of his experiences, Messman wanted to learn more about Warm Springs. He read about 120 newspaper articles and several reports in order to present the second part of this Montana Review—a history of the problems of the hospital.

Messman is a University of Montana junior in journalism and wildlife biology.

Maximum insecurity— Two months at Warm Springs

The deputy sheriff seemed embarrassed as he handcuffed our hands behind our backs, half-apologizing to the old man and me that county rules required all prisoner transfers to be handcuffed whether they were violent or not.

The 63-year-old man didn't look very violent, standing 4 feet 10 inches in his cowboy boots, with wrists so thin the cuffs almost fell off when he lowered his arms. He walked with the uncertain, teetering gait of a long-time alcoholic, his shaking legs barely able to propel him through the half-block of melting slush to the waiting police car.

I relished the brief freedom of this ride after a month in the cramped cellblock of the Cascade County jail, but I wasn't looking forward to our destination—not at all. The old man and I were being driven to Warm Springs State Hospital, he to be treated for alcoholism and I to undergo a two-month, court-ordered drug evaluation. I had pleaded guilty to charges of growing 20 marijuana plants.

Cultivation is a felony in Montana.

The deputy strapped the old man and me into the car and locked our seat belts. The ride was uneventful except for the old man's endless anti-pot harangues, mercifully interrupted by periodic outbursts of a nasty smoker's cough. I stared silently out at mile after mile of snow-covered mountains, wondering if he was a part of my sentence I hadn't been told about.

We arrived after a few hours, passing the combination restaurant-grocery store-bus station that maintains a sole link to the real world, and drove onto the ground of the institution—it looked like a college campus exiled 100 miles from the nearest college town.

That illusion vanished as we stopped at the maximum security building—a squat, cement

structure with small, wire mesh-covered windows. It looked more like a concrete pillbox from a World War II movie than a college dorm.

We were curtly ordered to enter, and the thick gun-metal-gray doors clanged shut behind us. Ward attendants in white uniforms silently led me through another locked door to a room where I was told to strip and to get into a tub.

Five attendants supervised the bath, making sure every last vestige of the outside world was scrubbed off, until I was as antiseptic as the white tiled floor. After being outfitted in a matching gray shirt and pants, I was escorted through yet another thick metal door that opened eerily at our entrance by remote control and snapped shut at our heels.

We passed the central control booth where doors were opened and locks were locked by a button-pushing attendant behind yet another closed door. We marched through another barred, locked door into the main cellblock and down the central cell-lined hallway past a gauntlet of staring eyes.

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My cell door banged shut and locked itself, making five locked doors between freedom and me. It measured nine-by-twelve feet and was painted a drab gray-white that matched my clothes and the complex-

ions of the inmates I had seen. Two metal slabs projected from the wall for a chair and table, and a longer metal slab with a mattress on it jutted from the opposite wall.

Three walls were concrete, but a wall of iron bars faced the hall and put your life on display 24 hours a day. A combination sink-toilet against the bars made private matters public.

Washing his hands in a sink across the hall was a young man named Terry. He answered my unspoken question about how to kill time by unbuttoning his shirt and carefully folding it, pacing the cell, washing his hands, then putting his shirt back on for another 12-foot stroll. He folded his shirt and washed his hands 10 times in the first 15 minutes I was there. Wondering whether his shirt or his hands would wear out first, I asked how long he'd been there.

"Six months, brother," Terry called everyone brother. He invented a kinship with other inmates to replace the family who had committed him. Relatives almost never visited, he told me, rubbing his red, chapped hands together. He washed his hands so much that his water supply was often shut off.

Terry and a few other inmates were there, not for a short-term evaluation, but for an indefinite period of treatment, which consisted of large doses of mind-numbing tranquilizers and even larger doses of insults dispensed by the attendants. If only I'd had a sleazier taste in drugs—Warm Springs was a pharmaceutical paradise for downer freaks.

Terry and the others being "treated" had sickly white complexions, heavy-lidded eyes and slurred speech from high doses of sedatives. An attendant came down the hall twice a day pushing a metal cart loaded with a multi-colored assortment of pills to dull any problem, to quiet any mind.

The second afternoon of my stay, Terry argued once too often with the attendant about taking his medicine. The cart-pusher sneered and said, "You're crazy as hell Terry; you're sick. You have to take the

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pills, your head's in the ozone." Terry ignored the insults and refused to take the pills. Finally the attendant grinned cruelly and yelled, "Terry wants the needle."

Terry jumped as if the needle had just been plunged in and started pleading: "I was only kidding. You know I take my pills."

But it was too late.

Six attendants burst down the hall and crammed into the tiny cell, burying Terry's gray shirt under an avalanche of white uniforms—twisting his arms behind his back, grinding their knees up and down his body, while one jammed the needle home.

They took him to a special seclusion cell. He was gone for two days.

Two cells down from me was a small, frail 18-year-old named Charles who lay in his bed all day and rarely spoke. He got out of bed only at mealtimes, moving like an invalid, as if a sudden move might

shatter him like glass. He had become institutionalized — a drugged zombie sleeping his life away.

"The treatment of patients in this hospital is certainly simple, for the authorities do absolutely nothing; they leave us to vegetate in idleness and feed us with stale food. My surroundings here begin to weigh on me more than I can express — I need air; I feel overwhelmed by boredom and depression. I assure you it is something to resign yourself to living under surveillance and to sacrifice your liberty..."

—Vincent Van Gogh
Dear Theo

Therapy at Warm Springs was virtually nonexistent. The long-term "patients" were occasionally allowed an hour of "occupational therapy" — making belts and wallets. Once a month they were allowed an hour of music therapy during which they sang along to a record player in the basement of the building.

Terry would return from these music sessions in buoyant spirits, singing the new songs he'd learned. But the sessions were so far apart he'd eventually end up aimlessly mumbling fragments of the lyrics until the song became only another ritual in his shirt-folding, hand-washing repertoire.

Other than these sham therapy sessions, psychologists would occasionally see the patients for very short talks.

There was a small gym in the basement, but only once during my first month were we taken down for exercise — an hour of volleyball. During my second month, when I was in the more privileged A cellblock, we averaged three hours of volleyball a week. Even these infrequent sessions were reserved for the physically fit and well-behaved — the basket cases who needed the exercise most were left in their cells.

One person who would have been glad to skip the exercise session was Sid, a tall, gangly man with an ugly scar near one eye from a fight in the Deer Lodge Prison. He was sent to Warm Springs partly for his own protection, and the attendants never let him forget what a "pussy" he was for not being able to stick it out in prison.

One day Sid, a sleepy, heavily-sedated kid named Phil and I were taken down to the gym to run laps. The attendants began ridiculing Sid's ungainly run

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Sid went on a sit-down strike and refused to budge.

They picked him up, carried him a few feet, then dropped him on his ass, his legs still crossed under him. He learned his lesson and started running again — forced to run twice as many laps as Phil and me.

As the days went by it grew harder to tell morning from evening, October from November. The only highlight of the day, besides the meals, was the ever-present possibility of a surprise search.

At the end of my first week I was lying in bed reading when the cell door slid open and six grinning attendants entered. (Most searches involved only three attendants, but this time they were training two new ones.) Not a word of explanation was given — just a snapped command: "Take off your clothes and stand facing against the wall."

I obliged while they stripped the blanket and sheets off the mattress, explored up and down the cracks in the walls and around the window, and reached deep into the toilet.

They left with my clothes, shoes, sheets, blanket, paper and pencil and the two books allotted to each cell, and then ransacked the other 14 cells on the

block. We soon got our blankets and clothes back, but had to wait a couple days for our books.

We never figured out what kind of contraband they were looking for. Houdini himself couldn't have smuggled a pocketful of lint past five locked doors. And, they opened all our mail.

If the rationale behind the strip-downs was obscure, the motive was clear — intimidation. We

"Take off your clothes and stand facing against the wall!"

were forcibly reminded how vulnerable we were to the whims of the attendants.

My first three weeks were spent on B wing where the incoming criminal cases were admitted and the chronic, long-term patients were kept in cold storage.

*"Look at all the losers and the mad-eyed gazers
Look at all the loonies and the sad-eyed failures
They've given up living cuz they just don't care
So take a good look around — the misfits are everywhere."*

—"Misfits"
The Kinks

But those on B were rebellious losers — uncompromised misfits. For me, living there was a real education. Many inmates were capable of astonishing bits of intuitive insight and finely honed perception.

One patient had a theory that crazies were mushrooming because we were all "bomb babies," — split atoms caused split personalities.

In the unforgettable Missoulian editorial page expression of a former Warm Springs employee, Clare Huffman, most of them "were no more dangerous than a chocolate chip cookie in a box of vanilla wafers. Hospitals are dumping grounds for those who make us nervous."

Though the days on B were deadly dull, they were never peaceful. Arthur, in the cell next door, was a 16-year-old retarded boy whose temper tantrums had proven too much for the Boulder hospital to handle. Arthur could speak in a thick slur but rarely chose to. Instead he shouted, wailed and roared and rattled his cell door for hours on end. He hated being neglected and couldn't realize the futility of his protests.

When the attendants had heard enough they would try to tie his cell door so it couldn't be rattled. When that failed, they would threaten to give him a shot, or to strap him to his bed. As a last resort they would try to bribe him into silence by promising to let him feed his goldfish later that night. (As a special privilege, Arthur was allowed to keep a goldfish bowl downstairs.)

But Arthur had seen those promises broken night after night. He didn't understand "later" or "tonight," he understood now — and now was three blank walls and a locked door.

My other neighbor was 55-year-old Ralph, one of the more seriously disturbed inmates. Ralph was usually kind and soft-spoken, but at least 15 times a day, he would begin an uncontrollable chain of loud, sharp, staccato outbursts like machine-gun fire aimed at the unholy demons he said were taunting him. The attacks lasted about 10 minutes — "Bah! Bah! Bah! Bah!" The explosive shouts wracking his body like a smoker's cough.

The noise was frighteningly intense and, if it failed to exorcise the demons, it rattled the rest of us. To be sandwiched between Arthur's cell-rattling and Ralph's outbursts plus the attempts of inmates and attendants to shout the pair down, was to be entertained by non-stop stereophonic bedlam.

An old man briefly challenged Arthur's reign as the champion noise-maker. He seemed to think Warm Springs was a hotel and when room service didn't bring him coffee or cigarettes fast enough, he castigated the attendants in a hoarse, rasping voice that could wake the dead — sometimes even Charles woke up. He demanded unheard of luxuries, like washclothes and shampoo, in a fingernails-grating-on-blackboard roar, but all room service brought was a hypodermic needle.

Nick was the kind of hell-raiser everyone remembers from high school. He told us he was 17 and had been busted for cocaine; the attendants said he was 16 and had been caught sniffing glue. Both agreed his mother had committed him because she couldn't control him.

He was a non-stop talker: high-spirited, imaginative, and always joking. He was also a punk. He threw cups of water across the hall at Ralph, constantly harassed the attendants, anything to raise a ruckus. His clothes were confiscated or he was put in seclusion almost every week.

One day his stored energy burst out all at once. He refused to make his bed or take his pills, and when the attendants opened his door he stood there with fists ready, looking absurd because he was so short and puny. He started swinging wildly and broke an attendant's glasses before they piled on top of him, savagely jerking his arm behind his back until he screeched in pain.

He was in the seclusion room for two days.

About a week later, after the lights went out, he broke his glasses and gashed both arms deeply, bleeding all over his sheets, floor and cell bars. The attendants noticed him about two hours later, took him to the medical center and mopped up his cell. He was back the next day with both arms stitched and heavily bandaged.

The attendants taunted him for the next two days



for not being serious enough to cut deeper. One of them with a finger traced the jugular vein on his neck so Nick would know where to cut next time.

"Though Adam was a friend of mine, I did not know him well. He was alone into his distance, he was deep into his well."

—"Song for Adam"
Jackson Browne

Swanson wasn't a friend of mine and I did not know him well. He was only in my cell block for two weeks and we spoke no friendly words. He stung me more than once with his cold-blooded, caustic put-downs. He had an uncanny knack at piercing your weak spots and used it to antagonize everyone he talked to.

I first saw him the day he was admitted, swaggering down the hall like he owned the place, his hair all matted and tangled, falling halfway down his back. His corrosive eyes burned right through you, sizing you up and dismissing you in one scornful glance.

The traditional jailhouse conversation starter — "What were you busted for?" — was met with a contemptuous: "I don't need your bullshit small talk to get by. I can do my own time."

We immediately ridiculed his overblown Cagney routine but he choked-off our words. "You're all a bunch of maggots sponging off each other. You don't have the guts to make it alone."

No one came up with a rebuttal. That was the only time during my confinement I felt guilty — tried and convicted by a court higher than had sentenced me.

By the third day he'd won some grudging respect. He took his bowl of lumpy, tasteless mush — the same breakfast goop the rest of us had been eating or flushing away without protest — and threw it against his cell bars, splattering it into the hallway. "I'm not a baby and I don't eat baby food anymore," he shouted. We started laughing and four guards ran down to his cell and took away everything they hadn't taken from him at admission, leaving him a bare cell.

Swanson was unimpressed.

Later that day, an attendant used the loudspeaker to shut us up. It always startled us, reminding us that most of what we said could be heard in the control room. A fuzzy, disembodied voice suddenly barking out orders usually produced a short, stark silence. But this time there was no silence. Without a heartbeat's hesitation, Swanson's voice boomed out: "You can blow those threats out your bullhorn's

"I'm not a baby and I don't eat baby food anymore," Swanson shouted.

asshole." This time it was the anonymous voice that was startled into silence.

One day, haircuts were being given in the hall of the cellblock. Swanson was led out of his cell and when he saw the barber's chair he ran back into his cell and clutched the bars. Three attendants pried him loose and hauled him back to the chair. Swanson, a lot more composed than the red-faced attendants, calmly explained: "I didn't give a damn about the haircut. We all needed a workout so I played the rabbit and you played the hounds."

The only person Swanson befriended was a 17-year-old transfer from the Miles City reform school named Eric. Eric was detested for his non-stop, high-pitched whining about imaginary headaches and nosebleeds. At first Swanson's only words to him were, "Shut up faggot!" But when he saw how much the rest of us loathed Eric, he started talking to him. Swanson did the only real psychotherapy I witnessed during my stay.

Eric blamed all his problems on the fact that his girlfriend had left him and on being beaten up at Miles City. Swanson cut him down: "I'm not gonna listen about your puppy love or about getting punked-out at Miles City. You don't need love. You don't need somebody else to lean on — haven't you ever stood up by yourself?"

A John Wayne diatribe as corny as a Marlboro commercial, but Eric was listening for the first time and Swanson kept at him. "Haven't you ever been completely alone where no one else even knew you were alive?" Swanson told him about walking alone in the mountains for four days and then taking LSD. He said that suddenly everything went silent and started disintegrating until he was stranded in the middle of nowhere, drifting in an ocean. Then, he said, he completely dissolved and became part of everything around him.

"Haven't you ever been completely alone where no one else even knew you were alive?" Swanson asked.

He abruptly shifted gears to slap Eric in the face with: "You'd be afraid to throw yourself away like that. You don't want love, you just want a mother to cuddle you."

I have never heard anyone hide sympathy in such ice-cold cruelty, but the bluntness did Eric good. It was almost a week before he started whining again and even then it was in a healthier vein — delusions



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about marrying Swanson's sister and moving to the mountains. Swanson even went along with the game, half-sarcastically, half-tolerantly, calling Eric "brother-in-law." The rest of us were still creeps and maggots.

As time went on Swanson grew more and more twisted (and imaginative). He spewed out hilariously perverted obscenities at the prissy nurses who sometimes walked down the halls, and started making strange hand-signals at superstitious Ralph, warning him that he was hexing him with black magic.

Then I was transferred to the A ward and didn't hear about him again for awhile.

Attendants often reported that Swanson was "losing control." I didn't believe them. But then an old man named Carl was transferred to A block a couple weeks after me and he told me that Swanson would stand at his mirror after everyone else was asleep, blowing on it and staring while the mist disappeared, waiting to see which of his identities would emerge from the haze.

"And if the dam breaks open many years too soon
and if there is no room upon the hill
and if your head explodes with dark
foreboding too
I'll see you on the dark side of the moon."

—"Brain Damage"
Pink Floyd

Those of us in for court-ordered evaluations got out of the building three times during our stay to have blood samples, X-rays and EEGs taken. They weren't exactly pleasure outings — one-block drives to the medical center in a locked security car with an attendant and security driver in the front seat and the patient handcuffed and sandwiched between two more attendants in the back seat.

Aside from that, during my 56-day stay I had a half-hour interview with a social worker, a 45-minute talk with a psychiatrist and took an eighth-grade level IQ test. That made two hours of evaluation and 55 days, 22 hours of staring at walls.

"Whatever the Party holds to be truth is truth. It is impossible to see reality except by looking through the eyes of the Party. That is the fact that you have got to relearn, Winston. It needs an act of self-destruction, an effort of the will. You must humble yourself before you can become sane."

—George Orwell
1984

A couple days before my release I had an hour-long talk with a council composed of the head attendant, psychiatrist, social worker, nurse and psychologist. I "humbled myself to become sane" in their eyes by lying through my teeth and telling the "Party's truth"

about the extent of my drug use. I said I had used grass only occasionally and had decided LSD and mescaline were dead-end trips. I can't imagine Swanson betraying himself like that.

I was told I had potential and should be back in college, and was warned about becoming "dependent" on psychedelics, advice I've faithfully ignored to this day since it came from some of the biggest dope pushers in the state.

My lies were rewarded with a favorable evaluation and after another month-and-a-half in county jail, I was let off with two years probation. The judge decided I was a stable robot who could inform on himself once a month to a probation officer, ask permission to travel out of town, take or quit a job, buy a house or car.

Swanson was a master of his own fate and never asked anyone's permission to live or die.

"I never heard from him again as each our lives we led. . . . Until I heard the sudden word that a friend of mine was dead."

"Song for Adam"
Jackson Browne

Several months after being released, I read Swanson's obituary in the Great Falls Tribune. He'd taken a .357 magnum from a downtown store, walked two blocks, sat down in an alley and shot himself once in the head and once in the chest. Swanson never compromised with anything, not even death. He never backed off from a showdown, not even with himself.



Struggles within— A look at Warm Springs over the years

"The doctors neither spoke to the patient, nor gave him a smile, a nod, or any kind of recognition. . . . I got no more response than if I had been an animal. The doctors had a seeming lack of perception that the patients were human beings. As a non-paying patient, in the uniform nightshirt, you were primarily a medical specimen."

—George Orwell
"How the Poor Die"

The common cliché heard in a thousand variations in every mental institution is: "If you're not crazy when you come in, you will be by the time you get out."

Fate set up a textbook-perfect laboratory experiment to test this hypothesis and chose Calixtro Alcayde to be the control animal who would measure

**Alcayde - after - confinement
shambled out of the twilight zone
43 years later, a hollow shadow
of his former self.**

the effects of institutional mothballing. Alcayde-before-confinement was a normal, healthy, intelligent man — the perfect guinea pig to test Fate's promise

— who walked into Warm Springs in 1932. Alcayde-after-confinement shambled out of the twilight zone 43 years later, a hollow shadow of his former self, all the life and vitality leached out of him.

Let us look at Alcayde before and Alcayde after as reported by Dennis Jones in a series of Missoulian articles in March, April, and May of 1975.

Alcayde, a native of the Philippines, checked into Warm Springs in 1932 for treatment of a lung condition, apparently mistaking Warm Springs for nearby Galen Hospital which treats lung ailments.

Jones reported the admission: "In broken English he told the administration officer that he was not



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insane and that he'd come to the hospital for rest and treatment." Hospital records showed that, except for his lung problem, he was in good physical condition and "exhibited normal coordination, speech, reasoning ability and good vision." The record also stated that he was cooperative and "reasonably intelligent for a foreigner."

"In the hospital," Jones reported, "Alcayde was a model patient. He was calm, quiet and drew little attention to himself. Because of this he became a forgotten man, spending the next 43 years in a hospital that he entered for a rest."

To document Alcayde-after-confinement, Fate chose him in 1974 to be part of the state's "deinstitutionalization" program. He was transferred to the St. Joseph Convalescent Center in Polson. At his admission to the nursing home, this once "intelligent" man in "good physical condition" now "mumbled responses, did not communicate well, had a habit of stamping his feet as if marching in place, seemed dull, disoriented, confused, mildly hyperactive, idle and apathetic. He seemed unable to talk and could barely see and was suspected at first of being retarded," Jones reported.

A portion of Alcayde's Warm Springs' file arrived containing only two sheets of paper. His admission form and exit evaluation were all that remained of 43 years of his life. Incredibly, he even arrived under the wrong name, as Albert Kencian — a total symbolic erasure of his identity.

What happened during those 43 lost years? A Jones' article said the Polson staff "began to wonder how it had happened — that an apparently normal young man could check into a hospital for a physical problem and end up being ignored, detained, and eventually retarded over four decades." Officials at St. Joseph called his condition "a result of gross apathy and neglect."

"Basically, it appeared that he was written off, ignored, and not spoken to for more than 40 years," Loretta Mae, director of nursing at the Polson center, said in an article.

Paul Campanello, a speech consultant at the Polson center, said in the same story: "Simply because he didn't make noise and had no family, he was sidestepped. People probably walked by him for 40 years and said 'hi' and that was it." Campanello attributed Alcayde's speech difficulties to being ignored for years, and "also to the fact that he has no teeth and was apparently never fitted with dentures."

Campanello noted that the 70-year-old Alcayde had "been totally conditioned by his years in the institution." He would look at passing people but wouldn't expect any response. When he got one, especially from a stranger, he seemed "gratified, terribly nervous, and self-conscious."

Alcayde was described by the hospital's social

workers as being "always clean, socially acceptable, and non-violent." This is the Catch-22 of mental hospitals — those who meekly say nothing are left to vegetate, those who raise hell are labeled "disturbed" and held all the longer.

The Polson staff could locate only one of Alcayde's

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many Warm Springs social workers who still remembered him. Joe Thompson, Alcayde's social worker for a few months, was quoted as saying, "he was passive as I remembered him... kind of like part of the woodwork." (Strange coincidence, Thompson was the maximum security social worker when I was there and that's exactly how I remembered him—a totally passive part of the woodwork, who ambled yawning down our cellblock hall infrequently, clearly bored, almost never talking to any patients.)

To provide a further check on this grim psychiatric experiment, Fate introduced a new variable to test whether a simple human relationship could snap the guinea pig out of its social retardation. This new variable was the sympathetic Polson staff and, especially, a 19-year-old aide named Jo Ann Maldonado who gave him special attention and help.

Alcayde enjoyed his new home and made many new friends. Everyone loved him, Jones reported. In the new environment he shed many habits apparently picked up from years of exposure to the mentally ill. Authorities have said Alcayde was never mentally deficient.

Director Mae was quoted as saying Alcayde displayed an "insatiable curiosity. It was like watching a child grow. He had never seen plants in years; he didn't know anything about flowers."

Alcayde's files showed he'd had a cataract operation years earlier, and he was fitted with glasses, causing a drastic vision improvement. Thompson, the social worker, "couldn't remember ever seeing Alcayde wearing glasses and was unaware of several abilities the patient possessed" and didn't even know he could read.

"No one at Warm Springs knew he could write or do math problems. (A St. Joseph director said Alcayde developed a "remarkable mathematic acuity."), probably because he was never given paper and pencil," Mae said in the article.

In spite of Alcayde's blossoming abilities, Jones wrote that the staff accepted the fact that he would never be normal by social standards. The years had

taken too heavy a toll; he never fully regained the ability to talk.

Alcayde's family in the Philippines came across the newspaper accounts and wrote to him, asking him to come home. It had been more than 40 years since they had last heard from him and they were sure he was dead. Alcayde was very excited about going home. A fund-raising drive was started to pay his travel expenses. Vague talk about the state paying him compensation for all those lost years never got off the ground, and the Philippine government briefly considered filing a \$1 million lawsuit on his behalf.

But on December 15, 1977, Calixtro Alcayde died in the St. Joseph Convalescent Center.

The fund-raising drive had "brought in several thousand dollars, but Alcayde had decided he preferred to remain in the rest home, and the money was put into his account."

Long-term inmates often are unable to readjust to the strange world outside. This is the final crushing of the spirit meant by the word "institutionalized." Alcayde's ties to his family were 43 years old and continents away. It was simply too late to begin a whole new life at age 70.

So there we have the two Alcaydes. Fate rests its case — the Warm Spring's "darkroom" transmuted a vibrant, living color photograph into a burned-out black-and-white negative.

"Picking up Angel who just arrived here from the coast, Who looked so fine at first, but left looking just like a ghost."

—Bob Dylan
"Just Like Tom Thumb's Blues"

What is the purpose in raising this skeleton now that many chronic patients have been relocated to community centers? A Philippine official who commented in the May 9, 1976 issue of the *Missoulian* about the drive to raise funds for Alcayde, answered this way: "Such a gesture may be attributed to the generosity of people everywhere." But then he added, "Could it be a feeling of collective guilt over

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the injustice done to Calixtro these last 43 years?"

Unfortunately, Calixtro's case is not unique, as a look at the recent history of Warm Springs, gathered from state newspapers and Board of Visitor's reports, reveals.

The April 23, 1974 issue of the *Missoulian* reported on an inspection of Warm Springs by a "special blueribbon panel" of medical personnel led by Dr. John Strizich, a member of the state's Board of Institutions.

Strizich claimed that Warm Springs State Hospital "has become a dumping ground for the aged and senile" and recommended that "court referrals of criminals should be made to local community health centers or psychiatrists rather than Warm Springs." Bear in mind that this recommendation that criminals be evaluated in community centers was made more than four years ago and has been a recurrent theme in almost every Warm Springs' inspection since. Yet the courts still persist in this practice.

Mike Billings, director of the governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning, was assigned by Gov. Thomas Judge to investigate conditions at Warm Springs, and on Sept. 10, 1974 the *Missoulian* reported that "the administration of Warm Springs is marked by patient abuse and bureaucratic bungling." In the article, Billings said there were four cases of substantiated allegations of patient abuse by employees — but the incidents were not even noted on the employees' records. "Employee evaluation either does not exist or is ignored," Billings said. He added that he found some wards so crowded they "were often unsuitable for human habitation."

The Jan. 3, 1975 issue of the *Missoulian* reported Warm Springs as the defendant in a \$1 million lawsuit filed by a California prison inmate named Earl Wimberly who "alleges that he was beaten and that hospital personnel withheld medication for a rheumatoid arthritis condition" while he was a Warm Springs patient in January 1974.

Wimberly claims he was beaten by psychiatric aides. One of his arms allegedly was twisted far behind his back and he was struck in the back. He "now has extreme pain" in his left arm and spine. Records at the Missoula County Clerk of Court's office contain testimony from Wimberly stating that after the beating four attendants entered his cell and gave him "a shot which made him dizzy and very sick to his stomach."

A psychiatric aide testified in response to Wimberly's written interrogatory: "It was necessary to administer an injection of Thorazine at 10 a.m. Plaintiff offered resistance, and force was necessary to carry out the order."

The *Missoulian* also reported that Wimberly claims he saw a patient "strapped to his bed for 24 hours because he complained about the way he was being treated." One attendant admitted that the patient had been strapped to his bed, and Superintendent Stanley Rogers, social worker Joe Thompson,



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psychiatrist Miguel Garcia and four psychiatric aides all admitted they had seen other patients strapped to their beds.

In response to Wimberly's interrogatory, Rogers admitted he had seen a patient beaten at Warm Springs, and the employee involved had been dismissed.

At the time of the alleged incidents, Wimberly was undergoing a court evaluation in Ward 51, the old maximum security building, where there were no sinks for washing or drinking. Wimberly elicited the admission from psychiatric aides that they had denied patients' requests for a light for a cigarette or a cup of water because of "medical orders."

Wimberly's suit is still pending in Missoula District Court. He was released from San Quentin last month and was granted 90 days to prepare his prosecution.

I'm not holding my breath in anticipation of his success. The incident occurred long ago and far away and Wimberly's outrage may have subsided. The

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court has refused his request for an attorney and his case depends on the faulty record keeping system and the selective memories of Warm Springs employees. Trying to pin a rap on their slippery system is like B'r'er Rabbit trying to punch the tarbaby — the suit is stuck in a legal quagmire.

The Jan. 24, 1975 issue of the *Missoulian* reported the charge of Cleo Butler, a mental health educator at Warm Springs for two-and-a-half years, that the institution is a "horrible place" where patients are abused. Butler, now a clinical specialist at the Mental Health Center in Butte, said patients not conforming to hospital regimentation are placed in isolation, and that anti-psychotic drugs are administered as a major form of treatment. Butler said in the article, "People are usually zonked with medication whether or not they need it."

"Prolonged use of drugs could cause difficulty in movement, cardiovascular and liver complications and unexpected death. Long-term medication contributes to institutionalism by reducing one's drive, initiative and planning ability," Butler attributed these problems to the isolation of the institution and unqualified employees.

Six months later, Clare Huffman, a UM graduate student in psychology and a former Warm Springs employee, substantiated Butler's charges in a



scathing *Missoulian* "local comment."

"Perhaps the most atrocious bit of information I picked up at Warm Springs was that the vast majority of patients were strictly custodial, receiving absolute-

ly no treatment (other than drugs). The patients are assigned to their wards, prescribed a dosage of Thorazine, and forgotten about. The only people having any contact with the patients are psychiatric

aides, most of whom are Anaconda or Butte high school graduates or people unsuitable for work elsewhere. During my employ at Warm Springs, I saw many 'patients' who were not dangerous. Much to my perplexity, I ever observed a few 'patients' who appeared to be as sane as you or I."

Because of these recurrent allegations, the Montana Legislature passed a progressive bill in 1975 called The Mental Commitment and Treatment Act. The act guarantees patients the right to treatment (as opposed to custodial warehousing) in the most humane, least restrictive environment possible. It protects them from excessive medication, limits the use of physical restraints and isolation and ensures their rights to privacy, dignity and regular physical exercise.

Perhaps most importantly, the act created the Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors as an independent patient advocacy group that would safeguard inmates' human rights. The Board of Visitors must visit each Montana mental institution and community mental health center annually and issue investigative reports to the Department of Institutions and the Governor's office.

The board is expected to do all this on a \$39,000 annual budget, operating out of a one-room office in Helena. Kelly Moore, executive secretary of the board, is the only full-time employee. Expert consultants are paid honorariums and living expenses during site inspections.

The Legislature authorized the board to hire a full-time legal counsel to represent patients, but, Moore said in an interview, "the state doesn't have the funds to live up to its own statutes." The board was even forced to stop hiring the out-of-state consultants necessary for objective reports. The few in-state psychiatrists commit patients to Warm Springs and couldn't inspect it without a conflict of interest.

Despite this paltry budget, the board has rendered outstanding service to Montana in calling attention to institutional shortcomings. Montana was a forerunner in creating this watchdog agency. Only New York and Minnesota preceded Montana with similar agencies. Other states are now following these examples.

The first action of the board was reported April 2, 1976 in the *Great Falls Tribune* when a former board secretary, Dr. Leo Hamerlynck, was quoted saying board members have "uncovered 75 years of mistreatment of people by people who thought they were doing the right thing. We found one man who is 35 years old who was committed 25 years ago to an institution, normal in every way except that he is deaf."

The board's first formal visit to Warm Springs,



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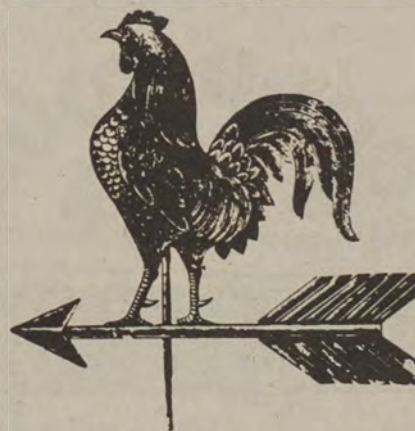
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April 6 through 8, 1976, resulted in the recommendation that "Units 56 and 57 of WSSH, known as the maximum security building, be closed. The patients' rights to privacy and dignity, to a humane environment and to treatment in the least restrictive alternative are not and cannot be honored when they are housed in this facility." The board's report stated that "the Forensic Unit at Warm Springs is not designed as a hospital unit, but as a maximum security prison with steel bars, electronic surveillance and a lack of privacy. Most newly admitted patients

sent to WSSH on court commitment go through this unit. Many of these patients have only minor offenses and many are not hardened criminals with homicidal, suicidal, or aggressive tendencies. We found," the report continued, "the use of restraints to be more than usual."

The Board recommended that psychiatric evaluations ordered by district courts pursuant to criminal charges be done within 10 days of the court order. "Currently," it stated, "evaluations ordered during a criminal proceeding can last up to 60 days.

One patient in the unit was in the process of evaluation for 90 days." (Two men I knew from the Cascade County jail were held for 73 days.)

The board recommended that evaluations be done in the community by private psychiatrists or mental health centers.

The use of medication was evaluated via a random sample of 14 patients. Twelve were receiving psychotropic drugs and progress notes about medication were absent or inadequate in 10 of these cases. In seven of the 12 cases, "medications were prescribed which are not generally used for the treatment of the diagnoses listed."

For example, the report continued, an 83-year-old woman with an enlarged heart and emphysema was "given Thorazine which can lower blood pressure." She died several days later. The board stated that it felt her death was "probably a result of pre-existing medical causes" but added there was a "question of the appropriateness of the medication" and that "the dosage may have been excessive."

The report concluded with a summary of 17 violations of the law, including improper commitment procedures, lack of justification for medication, violation of due process in maximum security, missing and incomplete treatment plans and failure to release a patient to a less restrictive environment.

The next board visit to Warm Springs was November 9 through 12, 1976. The Forensic Unit was again denounced. "The maximum security building is used to house all court-ordered admissions to Warm Springs whether the patient is shown to be in need of such a setting or not," it stated.

The November board report found that "little if any treatment for mental illness, other than the use of drugs, is conducted in maximum security. This prison-like, non-therapeutic atmosphere is as much

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deplored by the professional staff involved as it is by the Board of Visitors, and the despair of the staff in trying to provide something resembling psychiatric treatment within this building is obvious."

Again the board found many instances of violations of patients' rights to privacy and dignity. "For example, patients are housed in small, open jail cells in which the toilets are up against the front bars, open to the view of everyone."

And the board found a number of examples of the

"excessive or inappropriate use of restraints or seclusion."

A power over patients given to unqualified aides occurred with "the use of large doses of medication," the board's report said. Vague doctor's orders giving too much discretion to non-medical staff "are too often initiated without adequate monitoring of patient and his vital signs. . . . This was especially true with the use of medication for the management of patients."

The board again suggested criminals be evaluated

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in local centers so that patients' reaction to Warm Springs "would not be one of fear, distrust and little expectation of receiving humane and competent treatment." In the opinion of the Board, "the maximum security building or any building like it has no place in a hospital for the treatment of the mentally ill."

This second visit uncovered 27 violations of Montana law, including a juvenile held beyond the evaluation period.

According to the report, "A number of non-psychotic adolescents" were hospitalized in the children's unit, placed there by courts or parents when they became too hard to control, even though they were "not in need of psychiatric treatment. One major problem was the use of maximum security as a backup unit" for troublesome children.

An example was given of a boy who was "shunted back and forth to the maximum security unit at least four times."

Other violations of the law included confiscation of personal letters, use of medications instead of treatment, multiple counts of "poly pharmacy" (mixing drugs together improperly), inappropriate administration of a barbiturate given to an elderly person and eight separate counts of non-existent treatment goals.

The 23rd violation listed was: "no reasonable explanation of a jaw fracture incident." A cryptic explanation added, "A note says patient hit by door, patient said was involved in fight."

The March 18, 1977 issue of the Tribune reported that Bruce Baglien filed a \$250,000 suit in Helena District Court "against three hospital employees who



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allegedly beat him in his cell in September of 1976." Baglien claimed he was beaten for trying to send a letter to Gov. Thomas Judge complaining that Warm Springs' patients had been beaten by some of the employees.

The three employees were suspended for five days, but later returned to work at the hospital. The Helena Independent Record reported that "a nurse allegedly heard Baglien screaming for help and what sounded like fighting. Shortly thereafter, another nurse requested that Baglien be examined. Officials found a small abrasion below Baglien's left eye, a huge bump above his left eyebrow, and large abrasion on the right side of his chest." Helena District Court records show that Baglien's suit was settled by a compromise and that Baglien accepted \$1,500 from the defendants.

A large number of state newspaper articles between January and March of 1977 carried the complaints of Warm Springs employees that impending budget cuts would mean a fall below minimal levels of patient care and a return to warehousing. The Board of Visitors' August 25, 1977 inspection found that the shortage of personnel had reached a "critical point." The report concluded: "The maximum security building does not yet comply with the personal rights of patients to adequate privacy, regular physical exercise and humane environment."

"Presumably, the lack of regular exercise was due to the lack of sufficient staff members to carry out the program," the board stated. "The lack of staff does not appear to be a satisfactory excuse for non-compliance with the law."

Pat Boedecker, a board member during this visit, was quoted in the Oct. 27, 1977 issue of the Tribune as telling a top aide to the governor that "patients in the maximum security unit at the hospital receive little or no treatment — probably less rehabilitation than ordinary inmates at the state prison."

The Oct. 14, 1977 issue of the Butte Montana Standard reported that three Warm Springs ward attendants had been suspended pending an investigation that they beat inmate Joe Alexander "moderately badly." (Alexander had been in maximum security three cells down from me two long years earlier.)

A Butte doctor examined him and "said the patient suffered a slight concussion, a closed head wound, multiple bruises and scrapes on the head and face and bruises on his shoulder and elbow."

The board investigated the incident and found that aides in the minimum security building had no dress code and wore "everything from tennis shoes to cowboy boots and logging boots." Alexander was apparently kicked with those heavy boots.

The Jan. 19, 1978 issue of the Tribune reported that attendant Phil Garcia, 19, was accused of "striking Alexander on the head and shoulders,

causing him to fall and injure himself." Garcia was found guilty by a jury misdemeanor assault and sentenced to 30 days in jail. Jerold Forkan, 19, was also charged in the assault, and was a prosecution witness against Garcia. Both were dismissed from Warm Springs.

The Tribune concluded with a mind-boggling coincidence. It reported that, ironically, Garcia "was convicted on the same day a television movie, filmed

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at Warm Springs last fall, depicting violence at a fictitious state mental hospital, was shown nationally." The article added that a state official said "the kind of violence shown in the movie no longer occurs."

The movie referred to was "The Other Side of Hell" (alternately titled "The Next Howling Wind") and was based on the true story of a Pennsylvania man who vegetated in the vacuum of a mental hospital for years in the 1960's, where he was force-fed endless bottles of pills before his eventual escape.

"Montanans have nothing to worry about," Curt Chisholm, deputy director at the time of the Department of Institutions, was quoted as saying. He also pointed out that the new maximum security facility is only a few years old and "bears no resemblance to the shabby conditions of the facility shown in the movie."

Chisholm's claim that the building is modern and thus not in a "shabby condition" is less than true. The bricks have been replaced, but injustices have not. The construction of the new building was as shoddy as the treatment that would soon take place in it.

Physical Plant Director Mickey Butorovich said in the article that the building was designed to have more space for the gymnasium, and one of the wings was to have been larger. But the money authorized for the building wasn't appropriated in full and cutbacks had to be made.

The new Warm Springs security building was completed in the spring of 1974 at the cost of \$866,000. Employees at the institution, according to a Sept. 17, 1974 Missoulian article, contended the building was poorly planned, contained "tacky construction," and that employees were hesitant "to move in."

Employees complained about the cracks in the walls, steep stairways with blind corners and the need to leave the safety of the control booth to operate the electronic door-opener.

The Board of Visitors discovered on Aug. 25, 1977 that "despite the fact that this building is only three years old, it is structurally defective. The roof leaks and requires immediate attention," according to its report.

Sam Reynolds wrote in an Oct. 30, 1977 Missoulian editorial that "the maximum security unit is a flat-out disgrace. Its walls crack. It is cramped and crowded. It provides limited space for recreation or therapy. The state ripped itself off on that building. First it reduced the hoped-for space to a minimum, then it accepted shabby work for what was built. The thing is practically junk already. The state should go the rest of the way, junk it, and replace it with a modern maximum security facility."

The walls haven't fallen yet, but the leaking roof was replaced.



The most recent board inspection occurred last April 26 through 28. Board consultants stated that current staff-patient ratios were unacceptable. According to a report, "only one registered nurse was on duty during the day to provide medical coverage for two widely separated buildings" (maximum and minimum security). And only two LPNs were responsible for both units and there were "between four and six aides for the maximum security units. Given the limited number of staff, patients were severely restricted in terms of physical activity."

Aside from exercise three times a week, arts and crafts and a discussion session once a week, no other scheduled activities take the patients from their locked rooms or wards, the board said. "Therefore,

the vast number of patient hours are spent pacing in a narrow hallway, being unable to see outside except for a heavily screened window in their cell and looking at the cheerfully painted doors and bars of the cellblock."

Examination and diagnoses were two other areas the board questioned. Reviewing the files on court-ordered evaluations, a case was found which "contained two different diagnoses, one from the psychological examination and one from the mental status exam, with both diagnoses made by the same staff person on the same day."

All the court-ordered inmates I talked to snickered at the ludicrously simplistic questions and tests they had to take. The psychological tests were an insult to the intelligence, and included simple vocabulary tests and the arrangement of colored blocks into patterns. The interviews with the psychiatrists and social workers were laughably shallow and routine, and the interviewers seemed bored with their own questions.

Court-ordered patients were indiscriminately exposed to radiation from a complete series of head and chest X-rays, whether or not physical problems or brain damage was suspected. The final diagnostic clinic dispensed the kind of petty perfunctory sermons dished out by junior-high counselors to troublemakers. All in all, it was not the kind of in-depth psychic probe that would justify the expense and the lengthy confinement.

Some have theorized that county attorneys are able to obtain evaluations more favorable for prosecution from Warm Springs than from local mental health clinics. The Warm Springs psychiatrist who examined me shook his head in disbelief when he learned I was from Great Falls and said, "Cascade County just keeps sending more and more people here all the time."

Statistics on court-ordered admissions show that in both 1975 and 1976, Cascade County — only one out of 32 counties — sent almost 25 percent of the court-ordered cases to Warm Springs, even though a new mental health center had just been completed in Great Falls.

The board's April report again criticized Warm Springs' medication practices. The consultant found no history of patients' past medication, "which is necessarily the basis for the present choice of medications," and no previous history of adverse drug reactions of patients, "which again is a major factor in choosing current medications."

Worse yet, the consultant found that "serious drug toxicity or reactions which could have been avoided occurred in three instances and an unnecessary delay in changing medications occurred in a fourth case."

Several patients were receiving "inappropriate



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drugs" or drugs of "questionable efficacy." Some drug therapy regimens, according to the consultant, were not completely rational and one even bordered on the "irrational." One anti-psychotic drug, for example, was being injected weekly even though injections "are usually necessary only at three or four week intervals," the consultant reported, apparently because it was "easier to remember to administer a drug every week rather than every third week."

One area not studied by the Board of Visitors is the potential syndrome called tardive dyskinesia which develops in patients given long-term treatment with anti-psychotic drugs. Psychiatrist Thomas Szasz, interviewed in the Summer 1978 issue of the *Coevolution Quarterly*, said, "You will see the day when the injuries caused by Thorazine and Lithium will be one of the major public health problems in the country. There will be tens of thousands of persons walking around poisoned by the major tranquilizers, having tardive dyskinesia."

In the May 1978 issue of *Human Behavior*, Joy Horowitz wrote that from five to 55 percent of patients given anti-psychotic drugs for long periods will develop tardive dyskinesia, and estimates that "50,000 people, conservatively speaking, might develop this drug-induced form of brain damage each year."

Afflicted patients exhibit a series of symptoms that sound like Joe Cocker wired to the hilt in his glory days — shuffling gait, jerky arm and leg movements, rhythmic movement of wrists and ankles, cheek puffing and tongue undulation, compulsive stiffening of neck and arms and speech difficulties.

Although these symptoms sound similar to much of the compulsive hand-rubbing, feet-stamping and head-swaying observed in the long-term B-wing patients, it's almost impossible to separate a patient's personal eccentricities from the drug syndrome since, according to Horowitz, patients will turn a jerky arm movement caused by the drugs into head scratching and claim it's just a bad habit they picked up. And no one can predict how many current Warm Springs patients will later develop the syndrome

because, wrote Horowitz, tardive dyskinesia "usually develops months, sometimes years, after a patient has been taken off medication."

The syndrome can result from the use of the phenothiazine class of anti-psychotic drugs and from other major tranquilizers, including such widely used trade-name drugs as Thorazine, Stelazine, Prolixin, Mellaril, and Haldol. These names (or their generic equivalents) appear throughout board reports on Warm Springs drug practices.

Horowitz estimated that one million Americans are given anti-psychotic drugs every day despite their side-effects because they relieve the symptoms of mental illness. But these drugs can't "cure" mental illness and Dr. Szasz claims that no psychiatrist who knows Thorazine's side-effects would ever take the drug to relieve his own mental problems. Horowitz quoted former patients who "describe themselves as zombies while on the drugs and liken them to chemical straight-jackets."

The Board of Visitors' April 1978 report criticized understaffing in maximum security and "the dangerously low" staffing situation in the "outdated, dilapidated, depressing" Bolton Building. "The scandalously pathetic staff/patient ratio allows little in the way of treatment. Treatment plans remain only on paper and patient treatment is in fact patient warehousing in a decrepit building."

The board's warnings about the dangers of understaffing proved prophetic. Dr. Avelina Dimerucot was beaten in late September by a male patient and received a separated rib, bruises on her chest and face, and had to have stitches in her forehead and lip.

Gordon Dillow's Sept. 3, 1978 *Missoulian* article reported that "she screamed, but there were no other staff members around to help. The only other staff members on the ward were outside the building for a shift change."

Dillow quoted a Warm Springs doctor: "If something happened, there's not enough staff on a ward to handle it." He added that the hospital administration was told months ago that unless

something was done about the staffing situation "something serious was going to happen. They've been warned and warned and warned and warned. But nothing's ever done."

Dillow's article reported that the staff level was "critically low, so low in fact that staff members cannot adequately treat many of the hospital's 420 or so patients. In some units, a doctor said, patients are getting only care and custody, not treatment, in violation of state law." Ron Phelps of the Department of Institutions told Dillow that recently there was only one staff person on the maximum security ward for a period of time.

While watching staff members through my barred door, I often felt we were both prisoners on opposite ends of a double-sided cage. They spread themselves thin on overcrowded, understaffed wards and endured 40-hour-a-week bedlam. The most sympathetic person would find it hard to really help a patient in this suffocating atmosphere.

The staff was also imprisoned by the obsessive need for security. The aides were given hours of training in police-state security measures but little sensitivity training in how to relate humanely to inmates. Native sympathy succumbs quickly to mistrust at Warm Springs.

Dillow's article quoted a Warm Springs doctor: "You have to feel safe, you have to be safe, in order to give your treatment. And we're not."

"When I see a patient," another doctor said, "the first thing I do is see where I can make a fast exit."

It's an impossible situation; no a schizophrenic situation. The staff fears the patient, the patient fears the staff, and the level of bilateral paranoia escalates.

Dillow updated his September article on Oct. 3. A month after Dimerucot was beaten, "staff members at the hospital have little hope that the shortage of staff and lack of security that led to the incident will be corrected." Dillow also reported that seven new psychiatric aides had been hired for the maximum security unit after the beating.

A few hopeful signs exist. Maximum security's new supervisor is Charlotte Kuffner, who has been

"innovative in terms of treatment and care for patients and might be a great improvement," Moore, of the visitors board, said.

Patient Attorney Johnson, under contract to Montana Legal Services to provide the legal counsel the board was never funded for, said he is currently in the process of setting up a grievance procedure for patients. Currently Johnson has only a part-time secretary to help him represent about 400 patients.

Perhaps the most hopeful long-term trend is the de-institutionalization program which began in 1976 after the passage of the Mental Commitment and Treatment Act. In April, 1974, 1,100 patients were held at Warm Springs. The number now fluctuates between 375 and 400 patients. Moore said there were still 24 patients in maximum security on Oct. 24, but Johnson said he thinks court-ordered evaluations are becoming less common.

Despite a few bright spots, the 1976 letter that Rep. Ann Mary Dussault sent to Robert Mattson, former director of the Department of Institutions, still rings true today. Dussault raked Mattson over the coals for saying Montanans could be proud of Warm Springs, an opinion she found "ignorant" and "patently absurd."

Dussault continued: "Residents of that institution are not simply entitled to fewer deficiencies in care and treatment than they had the year before, they are entitled to no deficiencies at all. That, Dr. Mattson, is what Montanans can be proud of."

That feeling of pride will have to wait a while. Dillow's Sept. 3, 1978 article reported that "some of the mistakes from the psychiatric Stone Age linger on today." A 22-year-old patient named John was committed to Warm Springs for excessive drinking and erratic behavior.

"He is still there, 55 years later," Dillow wrote. "If he didn't require hospitalization back in 1923, he does today; according to staff members, half a century of living in a mental institution has made it impossible for John to return to society."

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• all instruments are discounted 20% all of the time

10% Discount for all students with ID's

on paper, chemicals, darkroom
supplies, cameras and other items.

Rental Darkrooms Available NOW!!

\$2.50 per hour for students
enrolled in a Haugens Photography Class.

\$3.50 per hour for black & white—
chemicals provided.

\$4.00 per hour for color—
chemicals available at a discount.

Photography Workshops
will begin soon!

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY

Free drawing for 3-day vacations
LAS VEGAS

(Transportation and food not provided)

Cibachrome Workshops 11:00 and 3:00
(Color prints from slides)

Camera Handling Clinics

Refreshments

